

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 14-18, and 21-23 are pending in the present application. In this amendment, claim 18 is amended and claims 19-20 and 24-27 are cancelled. No new matter has been added in this amendment. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of the allowable subject matter in claims 1-3, 5-7 and 14-17. In response, claims 1-3, 5-7 and 14-17 remain as previously presented. Claims 20 and 21 are objected to as being allowable but depending from a rejected independent claim. In response, claim 20 is rewritten in independent form as amended independent claim 18, including all of the limitations of the base claim (previously presented claim 18) and the intervening claim 19. Claims 21-23 depend, directly or indirectly, from amended independent claim 18. Accordingly, all pending claims should be allowable.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicant's Attorney, Brian A. Carlson, at 972-732-1001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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